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MAIDEN MISSION OF ISRO's COMMERCIAL ARM A SUCCESS

NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), through PSLV-C51, injects Brazil's Amazonia-1 into orbit 17 minutes after launch from Sriharikota

18 CO-PASSENGER SATELLITES, TOO, IN ORBIT

An optical earth observation satellite, Amazonia-1 will provide remote sensing data for monitoring deforestation in the Amazon region and analysing diversified farming. Apart from Amazonia-1, the PSLV rocket carried 18 other satellites that separated in a predetermined sequence. Of the 18, 14 were NSIL's, comprising one from India and 13 from the US | P5

THREE SATS DEVELOPED BY COLLEGES

- The other four sats belonged to IN-SPACe, of which three were developed jointly with Jeppiaar Institute of Technology, Tamil Nadu, GH Raisoni College of Engineering, Nagpur, and Sri Shakti Institute of Engineering and Technology, Coimbatore. The fourth was Satish Dhawan Sat (SDSAT) by Chennai-based Space Kidz

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SATELLITES OF 34 CUSTOMER COUNTRIES LAUNCHED BY PSLV SO FAR

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Shah hails EPS, says TN is best in handling Covid-19

KRITHIKA SRINIVASAN @ Villupuram

THE BJP's camaraderie with the AIADMK got a fresh booster shot on Sunday when Union Home Minister Amit Shah heaped praises on the Edappadi K Palaniswamy government in Tamil Nadu for its handling of the Covid-19 outbreak. "Tamil Nadu stood number one in governance in general, and amid the pandemic too, for which I congratulate Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami and Deputy Chief Minister O Panneerselvam," Shah said while addressing a massive public meeting at Janakipuram Ground.

Asserting that the BJP would ally with the AIADMK for the elections in April, he took potshots at the Opposition, accusing it of indulging in corruption. He lashed out at the DMK over the 2G spectrum case, saying Tamil Nadu has 2G, 3G and 4G — two generations of Murasoli Maran's family, three of M Karunanidhi's family, and four of Jawaharlal Nehru's family — all vying for power.

In a scathingly raw attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Shah said, "Rahul *baba* goes to watch jallikattu live to show solidarity with Tamil people, forgetting that it was the Congress that had banned jallikattu. The BJP and AIADMK had revoked the ban."

Greeting the crowd with a warm "*vanakkam*" when he climbed onto the dais, Shah proceeded with an elaborate introduction, highlighting that Tamil is the oldest and sweetest language. He also apologised for not speaking in it.

'Will use non-violence and love to beat Modi'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tirunelveli

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "formidable enemy" who 'crushed' his opponents, and vowed to send him to political oblivion by following the path of love and non-violence.

Speaking at the Educator's Meet at St Xavier's College in Palayamkottai, Gandhi, who is touring southern TN for the second day as part of his second leg of campaign, said he counted on people's support to defeat the BJP. When a participant wanted to know if Gandhi felt it was possible to nudge the Modi government to implement his 'good ideas' rather than waiting to assume power which seemed 'Utopian', he said it could be done with the 'powerful' and 'valuable' support of the people.

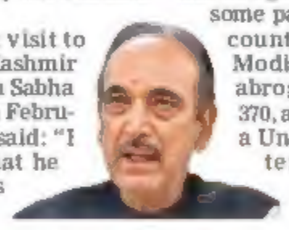
"It is important to dream big, though some of it may not come true," he said, in an obvious reference to snatching the reins of power from the BJP. "Yes, we are fighting a formidable enemy (Modi). We are fighting an enemy that is dominating with money. We are fighting an enemy that is crushing its opponents. But we have done this before. We have defeated a much bigger enemy (British) than this new enemy." P5

AZAD RAPPED FOR HAILING PM, POKING AT THE GANDHIS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Srinagar/New Delhi

A day after the G23 dissenters observed that the Congress was getting weaker, veteran party leader Ghulam Nabi Azad on Sunday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for staying true to his roots while indirectly questioning the way the Gandhis function.

On his first visit to Jammu and Kashmir after his Rajya Sabha term ended on February 15, Azad said: "I appreciate that he (Modi) does not hide his true self. Those who do so are living in a bubble. I like a lot of things about many leaders. I am from a village and I am very proud of it. Politically, we are opposed to him but at least he does not hide his true (self) reality. We all should be proud of our roots."



However, his comments did not go down well with some party leaders, who countered it was the Modi-led Centre that abrogated the Article 370, and made the state a Union Territory after carving out Ladakh. P7

EXPRESS READ

Lanka 'Priority One' defence partner: India

Colombo: India on Sunday described Sri Lanka as "Priority One" partner in the defence sphere and said the participation of its military aircraft in the 70th anniversary celebration of SLAF indicates the growing cooperation.

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Satellite built by students will keep vigil over seas

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @ Bengaluru

INDIA now has a micro-satellite in space to keep an eye on suspicious movement of ships and prevent another 26/11-type of attack, thanks to the involvement of students from Bengaluru-based PES University. This was one of the four satellites developed by students and launched by Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) PSLV-C51 on Sunday.

The SindhuNetra ('Eye of the Sea') satellite of the DRDO and its basic infrastructure (the satellite bus) that supports the payload and handles its data, was designed and developed by a team of faculty members and students at PES University, said Dr V Sambhashiva Rao, Director, Crucible Of Research & Innovation (CORI) at PES, who is also a former ISRO scientist. Several staffers involved in the project and guiding the students, have been scientists at ISRO. The satellite's payload has been designed and developed to monitor ships on the high seas and identify suspicious movements of sea-faring vessels close to India's maritime borders. CONTINUED ON: P5

Online vax registration in K'taka cities

IFFATH FATHIMA & RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

WITH the third phase of vaccination starting from March 1 for citizens aged above 60 years and those in the 45-59 age bracket with specified comorbidities, the state will have online registration mandated for Day 1 from 9 am in all cities across Karnataka while walk-in registration and vaccination will be allowed in rural areas.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Health Commissoner Dr Thrilok Chandra said, "Initially, we will allow walk-in registration and vaccination in rural areas. But, in urban areas of all districts, we have mandated online registration. The vaccines will be transported to private facilities by the Health Department from the regional vaccine stores."

However, there appears to be little clarity on ground, despite the Centre's guidelines, as everything is taking place in the last minute. The medical superintendent of a government hospital said that beneficiaries will register on CoWIN 2.0 version of the app only on Monday, so until then, they will have no idea how many people will turn up.

The hospitals have been told that online registration will take place for the first few days in urban areas and both spot and online registration in other areas. P3

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